



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 7, 1998

H.R. 3303 **Department of Justice Appropriation Authorization Act,** **Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 29, 1998

SUMMARY

H.R. 3303 would authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 for many programs and agencies in the Department of Justice (DOJ), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the United States Attorneys, and the Bureau of Prisons. In addition, the bill would make relatively minor changes to the laws that govern the operation of DOJ agencies. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3303 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$48 billion over the 1999-2003 period. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3303 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA). The bill would increase the authorization of appropriations for a number of DOJ programs, including border control programs operated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. State, local, and tribal governments may benefit from grant assistance provided through these programs.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3303 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays generally will follow the historical spending rates for the authorized activities. We expect some programs to spend additional funds more slowly than the historical rates because the bill would provide substantial increases in authorizations, relative to 1998. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$500 million, in total, for the fiscal years 1995 through 1998 for payments to telecommunications carriers for assisting law enforcement agencies. About \$100 million of this amount has been appropriated, and H.R. 3303 would extend the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2000. Of the remaining \$400 million, CBO assumes that about \$200 million would be appropriated in each of the fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	12,583	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	11,477	2,915	669	154	18	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	15,499	16,224	16,484	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	11,047	14,754	16,455	4,551	1,242
Spending Under H.R. 3303						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	12,583	15,499	16,224	16,484	0	0
Estimated Outlays	11,477	13,962	15,423	16,609	4,569	1,242
a. The 1998 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the programs authorized by the bill. The 1998 appropriation for the entire Department of Justice is about \$18.4 billion.						

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

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ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

H.R. 3303 contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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